WORSE FOR TEXANS.

Now the Brutes Suffer When the Mercur 40 Degrees Below Zero Cattle on the Track-Droves in the

[Miles City (Mon.) Cor. Chicago Times.]
Reports from all over the territory say that the cattle are suffering greatly, both, natives and pilgrims, and that it is feared a run over the ranges will show heavy losses. In the northwest, near Fort Benton, the snow is very deep and the weather very cold, so that the cattle cannot find sufficient nourishment from the scant grazing, and are therefore suffering accordingly. Near Missoula, west of the Rocky mountains, and also in northern Idaho, the snow is said to be from five to six feet deep, and the cattle are coming in from the prairies, driven in by the protractel blizzard which is sweeping over that section of country. In the southwest, near Bozzman, in Madison, Beaver Head, and Gallatin counties, the same state of affairs exists, and the suffering has extended to the bands of sheep as well as to the cattle herds. In the Musselshell district cattle matters have a rather gloomy appearance.

Late in the fall many roving bands of In-dians—Piegans, Crows and Blackfeet—in Late in the fall many roving bands of Indians—Piegans, Crows and Blackfeet—in
their numerous marauding expeditions
against each other, stealing horses from the
whites, and running off stock whenever an
opportunity offered, maliciously set the prairie on fire and burnt off the grass. The Musselabell country was particularly unfortunate in this respect, as directly through it
hay the readway over which the Piegans
came south to raid the Crows, and over
which the Crows traveled north to get back
at the Piegans. In consequence of these frequent expeditions a great deal of fine
grazing country was burned over, and
now the cattlemen of that section feel the
effects of that calamity. The last great
fire in the Sweet Grass hills burned a tract
of country thirty-five miles in width and
twice as long, consuming a number of haystacks put up by the ranchmen for winter's
use. Cowboys liave been going over the
burned district and the country adjacent
thereto gathering the cattle and driving
them to the foothills and sheltered places,
where they will fare much botter than on
the open prairie while the extreme cold
weather lasts.

All along the Northern Pacific railroad in

All along the Northern Pacific railroad in Montana and Idaho the cattle are congregated near the track looking for shelter, and not seeming to relish the deep snow of the open prairie, where blizzards are sweeping with such tremendous force. The poor creatures are actually frightened, and don't know what to do with themselves. They get under the bridges, or in the ditches on the sides of the track, or gather in knots and bunches in the willows near streams, and don't seem to care to graze. The native cattle appear to fare badly also, but the greatest suffering is among the new cattle, who know not what to do for water. The acclimated stock will take great mouthfuls of mow when water is not to be had, and in this way manage to allay their thirst to some extent, but All along the Northern Pacific railroad in age to allay their thirst to some extent, but the pligrims have not yet learned that art, and are therefore suffering in consequence. The streams and creeks are frozen so hard that they are no longer useful for watering-places. As a freight train on the Northern that they are no longer useful for watering-places. As a freight train on the Northern Pacific railroad was nearing Stillwater (a town in the western part of the Yellow-stone valley) the engineer discovered the track ahead of him completely blocked by cattle. Before the train could be stopped it rushed pell-mell into the very midst of the animals, and plowed them from the rails right and left. A heavy snow-plow was in front of the engine, and it crushed fur, killing them outright. Fourteen others were damaged more or less by the time the train cams to a standstill, and yet the rest would not move. The train men then got down and drove the animals off, clearing down and drove the animals off, clearing the track with great trouble. They seemed perfectly wild with cold and fear, and several of them attacked the train men, caus ing the latter to fly to the nearest protection Near Miles City a curious spectacle is to be seen. The whole valley on all sides of the town is filled with cattle that have come in from the range to escape the cold. Among the short, stubby rose-bushes that grow along the banks of the Yellowstone and Tongus river is a sea of heads, belonging to the astonished animals that are seeking what protection the scant shrubbery affords what protection the scant shrubbery affords. Even in the streets of the town great droves of cattle mean for back and forth, as the tall houses on either side have the appearance, in not the reality, of conveying warmth. The weather in the city must be at least 10 or 15 degrees warmer than out on the prairies, and no doubt the cattle feel the difference and will hang around until it moderate-sufficient to allow a return to the regular grazing grounds. But there is a grea deal of suffering among them for food, for there is not enough in the town nor in the valley surrounding it to make even one square meal surrounding it to make even one square measure for the immense drove of animals now congregated hereabouts.

A number of cattle, among which were some rilgrims, went out on the ice of the Yellowstone river opposite town to drink at one of the water-holes cut in the ice for the purpose of supplying the town. The old rustlers went at the thing in the right way, and quenched their thirst without any difficulty; but the newcomers, the Texans, to whom it was a new experience, were not so fortunate was a new experience, were not so fortunate on their side, and forty-five of them fell into on their side, and forty-five of them fell into the aperture, one after another, and were swept under the ice and drowned. Scores of others that fell in but managed to get out in some way, were so hadly moistened with the cold water that they from to death shortly atterward. Numberless bodies are lying along the river bank, farther up stream, frozen stiff, having evidently come to their death; in this way. Continue. deaths in this way. Cattlemen are taking the matter in hand, and cowboys have been detailed to patrol along the river opposite these dangerous places, in order to prevent like accidents.

The cold weather appears to have brought myriads of coyotes and prairie wolves from somewhere, as the whole territory is literally alive with them. These scavengers formerly followed in the wake of the mighty buffalberds that once filled the plains of Montana. berds that once filled the plains of Montana, but now that they have returned it must be that no more tuffale are to be found, and the cattle are to supply their place. These miserable brutes are committing great ravages on domestic cattle, particularly the calves. The latter are weak, tender, and stanted with cold, and can not keep up with their stronger parents. The coyotes watch these calves, and if one becomes tired and lays down in the mow to rest be is sure to be set upon by a score of ravenous wolves and tora to piecos. The county authorities find they are compelled at last to give their at tention to the growing evil, and they are therefore offering free strychnine to all who will use it in the extermination of these peats. As there is a bounty offered for every wolf killed, also a ready market within the territory for the skins, many of the cowboys are entering into the business of wolf-poison-ing, which yields them a handsome larges in addition to their regular pay as herders.

Mistress—Mercy, resignt! what's the mat-ter with the water! This did not come out of the filter, did it!

Bridget—Indade it did, mum. "That's strange; I am afraid you have not

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